GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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IMPACT ON EXPLORATION OF TENSION BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether representatives of several multi-national companies working in the field of oil and gas sector on the advice of their Governments have gone back to their countries leaving incomplete work of production and exploration due to tension between India and Pakistan;

(b) If so, whether the Government have assured such companies to reconsider their participation in oil and gas sectors; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTSOH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) British Gas, the operator decided to suspend the drilling operations in the exploration block CB-OS/1 in the Gulf of Cambay off the Gujarat Coast. The work in the block has been resumed from the midnight of 3rd July, 2002.

(b) & (c) Not applicable in view of (a) above